



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 11, 2015**  
**Schedule 16**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

**HB 489** Delegate A. Miller, et al

**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES – SALE TO MINORS – COMPONENTS, SUPPLIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Clarifying that the prohibition against selling, distributing, or offering for sale a specified electronic device to a minor that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to refill or resupply the device; clarifying that the exception to the prohibition for devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration applies only to devices for sale as a tobacco cessation product; changing a violation of the prohibition from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015**

**HG, § 24-305 - amended**

**Assigned to: Economic Matters and Judiciary**

**Department of Legislative Services**

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**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2015****HB 490 Delegates Morhaim and Glenn****NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION – MISCELLANEOUS REVISIONS**

Altering the purpose of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission; increasing and altering the membership of the Commission; requiring an application submitted by an academic medical center to include documentation that the center will operate according to the academic medical center's standard operating procedures, including procedures related to patient care, provider education and training, diversion, confidentiality, data collection, safety, and security; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

HG, §§ 13-3301(d), 13-3302, 13-3303(a), and 13-3304 through 13-3307 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 491 Delegate Morhaim, et al****OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – CONSERVATION CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND REQUIREMENTS**

Reducing the minimum amount each registered cemeterian or permit holder that operates a conservation cemetery is required to deposit initially into the perpetual care trust fund to \$10,000; reducing the percentage of the selling price of a right of interment in a burial lot in a conservation cemetery that the registered cemeterian or permit holder operating the conservation cemetery is required to pay in cash to a certain trustee for deposit into the perpetual care trust fund; defining the term “conservation cemetery”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, §§ 5-101 and 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 492 Delegate Afzali, et al****PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed unprofessional conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 493 Delegate McMillan, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – PROHIBITION AGAINST UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE – EXCEPTION**

Creating an exception to the prohibition against leaving an unattended motor vehicle by allowing the vehicle to be locked or on private property which is not open to the public and to operate unattended for 5 consecutive minutes or less when the vehicle is not in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1101 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 494 Delegate Anderson, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – CHARGE BY SUMMONS**

Providing that a court or clerk's office that is in session or open on a weekend or holiday for a specified purpose is not in session or open for any other purpose or function; repealing a provision of law authorizing a District Court commissioner to set bond or commit persons to jail in default of bond or release them on personal recognizance if circumstances warrant; requiring a police officer to submit a specified statement of charges, serve a statement and summons, and release the defendant under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CJ, § 2-607 and CP, § 5-201 - amended, CP, §§ 4-101.2, 4-101.3, and 5-202 and CJ, § 1-206 - added, and CP, § 5-202 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 495 Delegate Dumais****CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF LESS THAN 10 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA – CODE VIOLATION**

Specifying that a person who violates a specified provision of law involving the use or possession of marijuana in the amount of 10 grams or more is guilty of the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana; altering a specified provision of law so as to provide that a finding of guilt, rather than a violation, of a specified provision of law is a civil offense punishable by a specified fine; establishing procedures for a Code violation proceeding for the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 5-601(c)(2) and 5-601.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 496 Delegate Vallario, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – GOVERNMENT-FUNDED LEGAL REPRESENTATION – INITIAL APPEARANCE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution establishing that a specified constitutional provision may not be construed to require government-funded legal representation of an indigent defendant at an initial appearance before a District Court commissioner; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 24 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 497 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – LOW INCOME HOUSING – OWNERSHIP BY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Providing for an exemption, under specified circumstances, from property tax for real property if, under specified circumstances, the owner of the real property is a specified limited liability company or is a specified limited partnership whose managing general partner is a specified limited liability company; providing that the real property may be exempt from property tax only under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-503 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 498 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and increasing a specified penalty for assaulting specified individuals from 10 to 15 years imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 499 Delegate Davis****STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – HAIR BRAIDERS, COSMETOLOGY ASSISTANTS, AND MICRODERMABRASION**

Establishing a license endorsement to provide microdermabrasion services and a limited license to provide hair braiding services and specified limited cosmetology services; repealing specified provisions relating to a limited license to provide hair services; establishing qualifications for a senior esthetician; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, §§ 5-101, 5-205, 5-301, 5-305, 5-306, 5-309, 5-310, 5-311, 5-501, and 5-605 - amended and §§ 5-305.1 and 5-608.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 500 Delegate Haynes****SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT – RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR LOWER-INCOME INDIVIDUALS**

Providing that a rehabilitation with at least 30 residential rental units is ineligible for the Maryland Sustainable Communities Tax Credit unless the individual or business entity seeking the certification agrees to set aside at least 10% of the residential rental units as housing for households whose median income does not exceed 60% of the area median income; and applying the Act to initial credit certificates issued on or after July 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SF, § 5A-303(c)(6) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 501 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – NOTIFICATION REGARDING DNA PROFILE**

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or unit, under specified circumstances, to give a specified victim or victims' representative timely notice as to specified matters relating to a DNA profile of a specified alleged perpetrator or perpetrators; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop pamphlets to notify victims and victims' representatives of how to request information regarding an unsolved case; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 11-104 and 11-914 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 502 Delegate Kaiser, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Financial Advisory Board within the State Department of Education to assist the State Superintendent in making preliminary assessments of waiver requests; providing for the membership of the Board; requiring the Board to take specified factors into account when reviewing specified maintenance of effort waiver requests and making a specified recommendation; requiring specified preliminary assessments of specified maintenance of effort requests to be developed in consultation with the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 5-202(d)(8)(iii) - amended and § 5-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 503 Delegate Dumais, et al****RAPE SURVIVOR FAMILY PROTECTION ACT**

Excluding as a father of a child, for purposes of specified provisions relating to the paternity of a child in a guardianship or adoption proceeding, a man who has committed a specified sexual crime against the child's mother; requiring a court to consider a specified statement when making a specified finding; prohibiting a court from requiring publication of specified information under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-306, 5-3A-06, 5-3B-05, and 9-101.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 504    Delegate Impallaria****TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a person from recording a specified telephone conversation with a consumer under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from discontinuing a telephone conversation with a consumer on the basis that the consumer has not consented to the recording of the telephone conversation for the purpose of quality assurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 14-4101 through 14-4103 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 505    Delegate Kramer, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – K-9 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACT**

Requiring specified State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work for veterinary expenses up to \$2,500 annually; authorizing specified State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of specified veterinary expenses to be held in a separate account not subject to appropriation by the Governor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-507 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 506    Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Adding Baltimore City to the list of local authorities that under specified circumstances may impose restrictions on vehicles passing over a bridge or culvert under the jurisdictions of the local authorities without the approval of the State Highway Administration; and authorizing a Baltimore City special traffic enforcement officer to issue a citation for specified violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 24-206(b) and PLL of Balt City, Art. 4, § 16-16C(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 507 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore County Administration), et al**  
**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes specified construction and is located in or near a specified food desert; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to designate what constitutes a food desert for purposes of the tax credit; providing that the tax credit may not exceed a specified amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-304(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 508 Delegate Glass, et al**

**GAS AND ELECTRICITY – ANALOG METERS – PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to authorize a customer of a gas company or an electric company to purchase and install an analog meter; requiring the meter to comply with specified standards; requiring a gas company or electric company to install the meter or allow specified persons to install the meter at the customer's request; providing that an analog meter may replace a different type of meter; prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from requiring the customer to install additional controls; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-301 and 7-302 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 509 Delegate McMillan, et al**

**ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Establishing a 5-year statute of limitations for an action for administrative penalties for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; providing that the Act may not be construed as limiting specified authority of the Department of the Environment to issue administrative orders or seek injunctive relief for specified violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 1-303 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation



**HB 510**     **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS – DOORS  
THAT LOCK MC 27–15

Providing that, in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Board of Education may utilize a school bus with doors that lock to transport students in the county so long as the locking system prevents the school bus from being operated when any bus exit is locked.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7-809 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 511**     **Delegate Holmes**

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASES

Altering a specified definition for purposes of specified provisions of law prohibiting nonjudicial actions to take possession of property; repealing specified provisions of law providing that the establishment of a lien is the remedy for nonpayment of ground rent on specified residential property; altering the content and delivery of specified notices to leasehold tenants for past due ground rent; authorizing a ground lease holder to be reimbursed for specified expenses for past due ground rent under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

RP, § 8-402.3 - repealed, Various Sections - amended, and §§ 8-801, 8-802, and 8-807 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 512**     **Delegate K. Young, et al**

OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PRENEED BURIAL  
CONTRACTS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

Increasing the time period, from 120 to 180 days, within which a seller of preneed goods or preneed services who is subject to the preneed trust account requirements is required to submit a report regarding preneed burial contracts and preneed trust accounts to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 5-710(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 513 Delegate Aumann, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST HARVESTING – PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROCESS AND LICENSEES**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to timely maintain and make available to the public on its Web site in a prominent manner a specified list of and contact information for all licensed foresters and licensed forest product operators in the State and the forest harvest application process and appropriate contact information for each county in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 5-104 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 514 Delegate Stein, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring specified members to serve as chair and vice chair of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission, on or before November 15 of each year, to report to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EN, §§ 2-1301 through 2-1306 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 515 Allegany County Delegation****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – CLASS B–MB (MICRO–BREWERY/RESTAURANT) LICENSE**

Creating in Allegany County a Class B–MB (micro–brewery/restaurant) license; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle and liquor by the drink for on–premises consumption; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption; specifying specified days and hours of sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6-201(b-1)(9) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 516 Delegate Glass, et al****GAS AND ELECTRICITY – SMART METERS – CUSTOMER RIGHTS AND REQUIRED REPORTS**

Requiring a utility company to give specified written notice to specified customers prior to deploying smart meters throughout all or a portion of the utility company's service territory; prohibiting a utility company from imposing any additional fee or charge on a specified customer who refuses installation of a smart meter or requests removal of a smart meter; requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make specified reports regarding smart meters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 517 Delegate McIntosh, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEAGUE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BUILDING EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$145,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The League for People with Disabilities, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The League for People with Disabilities building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 518 Delegate Carr, et al****PUBLIC ETHICS – FORMER LEGISLATORS – LOBBYING**

Prohibiting a former member of the General Assembly from assisting or representing another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action until the later of the conclusion of the next regular session that begins after the member leaves office or six months after the date that the campaign finance entity of the member makes a transfer to another campaign committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5-504(d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 519 Delegate Hayes, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Economic Empowerment Coalition, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Economic Empowerment Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 520 Delegate Hayes, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT-JACOBS MANSION SAFETY AND ACCESS PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 521 Delegate Kramer****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY**

Clarifying the duties of a director of a corporation and that the director must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, §§ 2-401(a), 2-405.1, and 8-601.1 and CJ, § 5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 522 Delegate Kramer****CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Clarifying the rights of a subscriber for shares of stock of a corporation; providing that an individual, whether or not then a director, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future time under specified circumstances; providing that a person, whether or not then a stockholder, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future date under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, §§ 2-408(d), 2-505(f), and 3-106.1(a) and (c) - amended and §§ 2-202(d) and 2-408(d) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 523 Delegate Beitzel****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT CLASS C LICENSES**

Requiring in Garrett County that a specified organization for which a special multiple event Class C license is issued ensure that at least one individual who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages may be served; authorizing the holder of the license to store specified alcoholic beverages between specified events under specified circumstances; requiring the license holder to keep accurate records of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 7-101(p) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 524 Delegate McMillan, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – SINGLE REGISTRATION PLATE – CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES AND CLASS N (STREET ROD) VEHICLES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, when it registers a Class L (historic) vehicle or Class N (street rod) vehicle, to issue a single registration plate for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 13-410(a) and 13-936.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 525    Allegany County Delegation****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a special beer festival license for specified purposes; authorizing the holder of the license to display and sell beer for consumption on or off the licensed premises on specified days and hours subject to specified limitations; requiring the holder to hold another specified license; authorizing the Board to approve 4 weekends each year for the festival; requiring the Board to approve specified premises for the festival; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-810 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 526    Delegate Barkley****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWING COMPANY OFF–SITE PERMIT AND BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller to collect a \$100 fee for a beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off–site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing a beer festival permit to be issued by the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a beer festival permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements, provided that the beer festival will occur over a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-101(b) and 2-105 - amended and Art. 2B, § 2-106 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 527 Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Altering specified residency requirements for specified business applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County to require the applicant to be a bona fide resident of Harford County for at least 1 year before filing the applicant; requiring the applicant to remain a resident as long as the license is in effect; altering a requirement that a specified applicant for specified alcoholic beverages licenses own a specified percentage of a specified business; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-101(a), (b), (c), and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 528 Delegate Lierman, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE RECORDS, WAGES, AND PAYDAYS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring employers to keep wage records for each pay period for at least three years; expanding the types of wage records that employers are required to keep for each pay period; requiring employers to give employees a specified written notice within 10 days of hiring; expanding the information that employers are required to give to employees at the time of hiring and for each pay period; requiring employers to provide employees with an explanation of how wages were calculated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 3-424, 3-427, 3-504, and 3-507.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 529 Delegate Clippinger****CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL**

Repealing, for purposes of a provision of law prohibiting a person from knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent, possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information for specified purposes, a limitation that a specified benefit, credit, good, service, thing of value, health information, or health care be obtained or accessed in the name of an individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 8-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 530 Delegate Anderson, et al****OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – REPRESENTATION AT BAIL HEARING – PROVISIONAL**

Establishing that the representation provided by the Office of the Public Defender to an indigent individual at a bail hearing before a District Court or circuit court judge shall be limited solely to the bail hearing and shall terminate automatically at the conclusion of the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 16-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 531 Delegate Kramer****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing specified fiduciaries to access specified digital assets under specified circumstances; authorizing a fiduciary to take specified actions concerning an asset under specified circumstances; providing that, for specified purposes, a fiduciary has the lawful consent of an account holder for the custodian to divulge the content of an electronic communication to the fiduciary and is, for the purpose of specified computer-related laws, an authorized user; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, §§ 15-601 through 15-613 - added and §§ 17-202 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 532 Delegate Anderson, et al****DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – DEATH OR LIFE-THREATENING INJURY – MANDATORY TESTS**

Requiring a police officer to direct a person to submit to specified tests if the person is involved in a motor vehicle accident that results in the death of, or a life-threatening injury to, another person and the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has been driving or attempting to drive in violation of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving prohibitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 16-205.1(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 533 Delegate Sydnor, et al****WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE – EXCEPTION**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept an oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 10-402(c)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 534 Delegate Morhaim****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**

Requiring specified health insurance entities to establish and implement a specified procedure that provides for coverage of prescription drugs prescribed for the treatment of a mental disease or condition under specified conditions; prohibiting specified health insurance entities from imposing specified cost-sharing requirements on coverage for specified brand name prescription drugs that are less favorable to a member than the cost-sharing requirements that apply to coverage for specified equivalent generic prescription drugs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-831 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 535 Delegate Turner, et al****BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY INSTRUCTION**

Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to provide orientation and mobility instruction under specified circumstances; requiring an orientation and mobility evaluation to be performed under specified circumstances; requiring orientation and mobility instruction be provided by a qualified individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-408 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 536 Delegate McIntosh, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT**

Altering a specified definition as it relates to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow the subtraction if a specified nutrient management plan is prepared by an individual with a specified certification instead of a specified license; altering a specified definition to include specified manure loading or hauling and commercial fertilizer application equipment; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-208(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 537 Delegate Anderson, et al****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – TAXICAB SERVICES – CONTRACT WITH BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

Prohibiting a taxicab business from charging more than a specified administrative rate when the taxicab business enters into a contract with the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to transport a passenger who is a student.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 10-302 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 538 Delegate Stein, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY A PROGRAM FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO STEM COLLEGE STUDENTS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland; providing for the composition, including one member each from the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, cochair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 539 Delegate Carr****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – EVALUATION OF URBAN HIGHWAYS – CLASSIFICATIONS AND SPEED LIMITS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to evaluate the classifications of and speed limits for specified urban State highways; requiring the Administration to review development activity along specified State highways for classification purposes and assess each highway segment for which the classification is updated to determine if the speed limit should be altered; requiring the Administration to complete the evaluation on or before January 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 21-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 540 Delegate Mautz****PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS**

Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 21-401, 21-416.1, and 21-417 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 541 Delegate Barkley, et al****UTILITY COMPANIES – REMOVAL OF FACILITY EQUIPMENT FROM UTILITY POLES**

Requiring specified electric companies and telephone companies to coordinate with specified entities the timing of the removal of specified facility equipment so that specified facility equipment and poles are removed within a specified period of time; authorizing the Public Service Commission to adopt specified regulations or issue specified orders; requiring the Commission to require specified utilities to file specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-215 and 8-109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 542 Delegates O'Donnell and Jackson****CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County; and altering the purposes for which the appearance fees deposited into the Calvert County Law Library Fund may be used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7-204(a)(1) and (f) - amended and § 7-204(a)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 543 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY – SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES**

Providing that a not-for-profit entity shall be deemed controlled by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City under specified circumstances; and altering the applicability of specified tax exemption provisions for property of a subsidiary entity of a Baltimore Housing Authority entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HS, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 544 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOTTLE CLUBS**

Defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean a restaurant that accommodates the public and is equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals or a nightclub that offers to the public music, dancing or other nighttime entertainment; and prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 20-103.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 545 Delegate Korman, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – HIGHWAY WORK PERMITTEES – NOTICE OF SIDEWALK CLOSURE**

Requiring a person who obtains a specified permit from the State Highway Administration for work that will cause a sidewalk to be closed or who does the work associated with the permit to provide, at least 72 hours in advance, written notice of a sidewalk closure to affected business and property owners and post a notice at the work site providing specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8-646 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 546 Delegate Lierman****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD**

Establishing the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board for purposes of strategic transit planning; providing for the membership, term of office, powers, duties, and staffing of the Board; providing that a member of the Board may not receive compensation, but is entitled to specified reimbursement; requiring the Board to adopt a specified strategic plan and update the plan every 5 years; requiring the Board to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 7-203 and 7-204(q) - amended and §§ 7-204(q) and 7-205 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 547 Delegate Dumais, et al****MEDICAL LIABILITY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2015**

Repealing provisions relating to the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office; prohibiting a person from bringing an action against a health care provider for a medical injury unless the person provides to the health care provider a specified notice, medical records, and releases at least 90 days in advance of the action; terminating the Health Claims Arbitration Fund; altering the content of specified certificates of a qualified expert; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 548 Delegate Kramer, et al****CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of specified amendments are to become effective; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, and 11 - amended and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

**HB 549 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS**

Requiring video lottery operation licensees to provide specified notices to obligors who win specified prizes and who owe restitution; requiring video lottery operation licensees to make specified payments, withhold specified amounts, honor specified requests in a specified order, and transfer specified amounts under specified circumstances; authorizing specified obligors to appeal specified proposed transfers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 11-616(b) and 11-618 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 550 Delegate McMillan, et al****STATE AID – BUSINESS TRANSPARENCY AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ACT**

Requiring corporations that receive at least \$50,000 in specified State subsidies to file a specified disclosure report with the granting body that provides the subsidy; requiring the disclosure report to contain specified information; requiring the disclosure report to be provided on or before December 31 of each year during which the recipient corporation receives a State subsidy; requiring a granting body to publish a compilation of the disclosure reports on its Web site on or before April 1 of each year; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 7-407 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 551 Delegate Lierman, et al****COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND GREENING ACT OF 2015**

Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic disposable carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; requiring a store to charge and collect a 10-cent fee for each paper disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing a store to retain a specified amount of a specified fee under specified circumstances; prohibiting a store from advertising or stating specified information under specified circumstances; requiring a store to include specified information on specified receipts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 19-104 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 552 Delegates Pendergrass and Hammen****HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICAL STOP–LOSS INSURANCE – SMALL EMPLOYERS**

Altering, with a specified exception, the attachment points above which a medical stop–loss insurer assumes liability for losses incurred by an insured; applying the altered attachment points to renewal of a policy or contract of medical stop–loss insurance; prohibiting a medical stop–loss insurer, for a specified stop–loss insurance policy or contract, from taking specified actions; requiring a medical stop–loss insurer, for a specified stop–loss insurance policy or contract, to guarantee specified rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

IN, § 15-129 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 553 Delegate Morhaim, et al****MARYLAND NO–FAULT INJURED BABY FUND**

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth–related neurological injury; excluding specified rights and remedies of a claimant and specified other persons; providing for specified procedures; providing for specified benefits and compensation of a claimant under the Act; establishing the Maryland No–Fault Injured Baby Fund; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2D-01 through 3-2D-08, HG, §§ 20-1601 through 20-1603, and IN, §§ 32-101 through 32-304 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

**HB 554 Delegate Beitzel****NONRESIDENT SENIOR HUNTING LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a nonresident senior hunting license; authorizing a nonresident who owns at least 25 acres of land in the State to purchase the license beginning in the calendar year in which the nonresident attains the age of 65; and establishing a \$65.00 fee for the license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 10-301(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 555 Delegate Kipke****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – WASTEWATER DISPOSAL**

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law that establish specified requirements for the disposal of wastewater by an operator of a semipermanent food service facility that operates in Anne Arundel County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 21-312.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 556 Delegate Pendergrass****STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the frequency, from annual to once every two years, with which specified officers of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists must be elected; requiring the Board to appoint an executive director; establishing specified duties of the executive director; altering specified qualifications for a specified license; altering specified requirements for applying for a specified license; altering specified education requirements for qualification to take a specified examination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 21-203, 21-204, 21-304, 21-306, and 21-309 - amended and §§ 21-302 and 21-303 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 557 Delegate Carter, et al****JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – WHEELED DEVICES AND METAL PIPING**

Prohibiting a junk dealer or scrap metal processor from purchasing from an individual a shopping cart, flatbed cart, similar wheeled device, or specified metal piping under specified circumstances; providing for specified penalties; and authorizing the suspension or revocation of the license of a junk dealer or scrap metal processor under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 17-1011 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 558 Delegate Clippinger****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS – SAVINGS PROMOTION RAFFLES**

Altering the circumstances under which specified depository institutions may conduct a savings promotion raffle; repealing a requirement that a depository institution that offers a savings promotion raffle must post in specified locations and disclose in specified materials a specified statement describing the terms and conditions of the raffle; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation must approve a savings promotion raffle conducted by a banking institution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CL, § 13-305(a), CR, § 12-106(c), and FI, § 1-211 - amended and FI, § 6-716 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 559 Delegate Buckel, et al****UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – LAW SCHOOL CLINICS – PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

Prohibiting the law clinic of a law school at a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland from participating in litigation opposing, contesting, or seeking judicial review of an act, a decision, or a determination of a State agency, department, or board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 13-704 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 560 Delegate Barkley****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY LICENSE – ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Increasing from 500 to 1,500 the number of barrels of beer that a brewery licensee may sell each year for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-206(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 561 Delegate Krebs****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – MEMBER VACANCIES**

Requiring the Governor to appoint each member of the Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association and The Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of Maryland; requiring the Board to develop guidelines for the solicitation of nominations and balloting process that to the extent practicable will result in a specified Board composition reflective of the diversity of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HO, §§ 1-215 and 7-202 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 562 Delegate Kramer, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS – DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to direct reimbursement by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations for transportation by ambulance.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 425 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 and Chapter 426 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 563 Delegate Buckel, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, State correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring current State correctional officers to submit specified medical information to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 564 Delegate Kelly, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – LIMITS ON USE OF LEAVE FOR BIRTH, ADOPTION, FOSTER PLACEMENT, OR CARE OF CHILD**

Prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting, to less than a specified number of days, the aggregate number of days of accrued sick leave that specified employees may use, without certification of illness or disability, for the birth or adoption of their child; prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting, to a specified number of weeks, the aggregate number of weeks of family and medical leave that specified employees may use during a specified time period for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SP, § 2-309 - added and §§ 9-505 and 9-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 565 Delegates Bromwell and Kipke****INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – DISABILITY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the use of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance coverage under specified circumstances; providing that the procurement of specified disability insurance through surplus lines insurance is subject to specified requirements; providing that the Act applies to all policies and contracts of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 3-302 - amended and § 3-306.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 566 Delegate Rosenberg****ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – EMERGENCY EXCEPTION**

Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to order a licensee that provides services to individuals with disabilities to remedy immediately a situation requiring emergency action instead of ordering suspension of the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 10-226(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 567 Delegate Kramer, et al****CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – FAILURE TO OFFER DOGS AND CATS USED IN RESEARCH FACILITIES FOR ADOPTION – PENALTIES**

Requiring specified research facilities using dogs and cats for scientific research purposes to take specified steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed for scientific research purposes; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; requiring the Attorney General to investigate specified violations; and authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute specified violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-626 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 568 Delegate Davis, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND FACTORY BRANCHES**

Prohibiting a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from committing specified acts relating to motor vehicle pricing; requiring a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to ensure that any advertisement it directs to consumers relating to rebate and sales incentive claims meets specified requirements; prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from taking specified punitive or retaliatory actions against specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 14-4101 through 14-4107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters